

the first device includes a configuration to send the ticket data to the third device in the wireless mode.

25.(new) The system as recited in claim 21, wherein:

the second device includes a configuration to determine the authenticity of the ticket data by comparing the ticket data received from the third device to the ticket data generated by the second device; and

the configuration to confirm the authenticity of the ticket data of the third device includes a configuration to receive the confirmation through communication with the second device.

26.(new) The system as recited in claim 21, wherein:

the second device includes a configuration to determine if the ticket data has been used prior to the third device receiving the ticket data.

In the Abstract:

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ABSTRACT

A first embodiment of a ticket generating apparatus includes a computer coupled to a server through a network and a printer coupled to the computer. A purchaser initiates a ticket purchase transaction through the network by accessing a website stored on the server. After completing the ticket purchase transaction the purchaser's computer sends image data corresponding to the image of a person to the server. The server combines the image data with text and graphics data generated by the server to form ticket data. The ticket data is sent over the network to the computer. The computer sends the ticket data to the printer to form the ticket including an image of the person. In a second embodiment of the ticket generating apparatus, the printer is coupled to the network and receives the ticket data directly from the server to form the ticket including an image of the person.

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